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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Mr. James H. Quello Acting Chairman 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20544

RE: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Chairman Quello:

I am writing to express my concerns about PR Docket 92-235. Valley County is in central Idaho, mountainous in terrain. We have 3,751 square miles of territory with 90% that is National Forest and some primitive area.

This proposed rule ignores the unique characteristics of our rural state. This will render our emergency radio equipment useless which will force the county to construct costly transmitters stations.

I understand in some states the current systems need to be modified. But rural states that do not have a problem in emergency communications should be given an exemption. I would respectfully request that you give careful consideration to the affect this proposed rule will have on rural areas.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,

Lewis E. Pratt

Sheriff, Valley County

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